

Application No. 10/567,892
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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A vehicle panel includes a core layer and a reinforcement layer positioned on one or both sides of the core layer. The core layer is made of a material with heat absorption or insulation properties, such as polypropylene, and the like. The reinforcement layer is comprised of fiberglass strands intermingled with a polymer to form a blended composition having a density in a range between about 50 and 200 g/m². The vehicle panel may also include an adhesive layer between a cover material and the reinforcement layer on one side of the core layer. The vehicle panel may also include a scrim material adjacent the reinforcement layer on the opposite side of the core layer. The reinforcement layer provides dimensional stability to the vehicle panel, while reducing the overall weight and thickness of the vehicle panel as compared to conventional vehicle panels.